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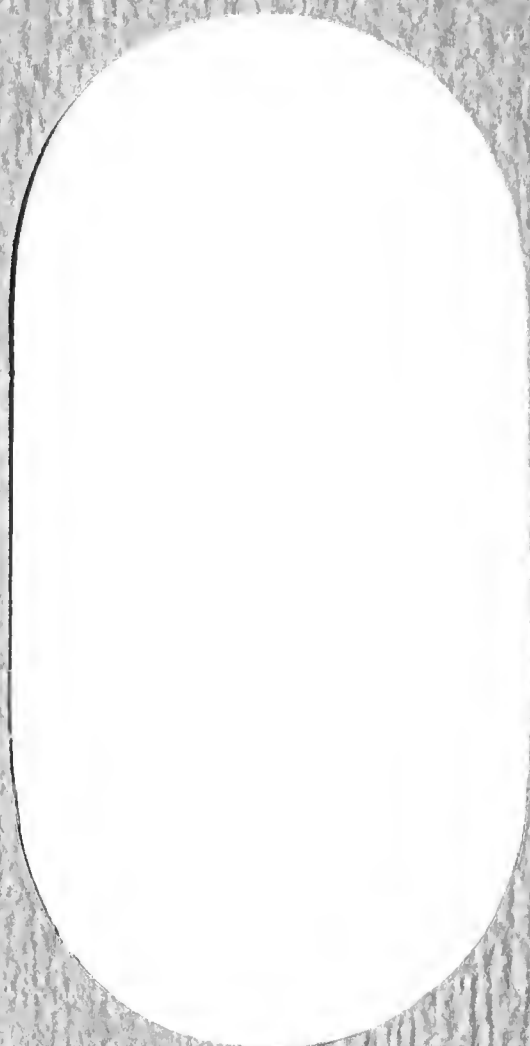


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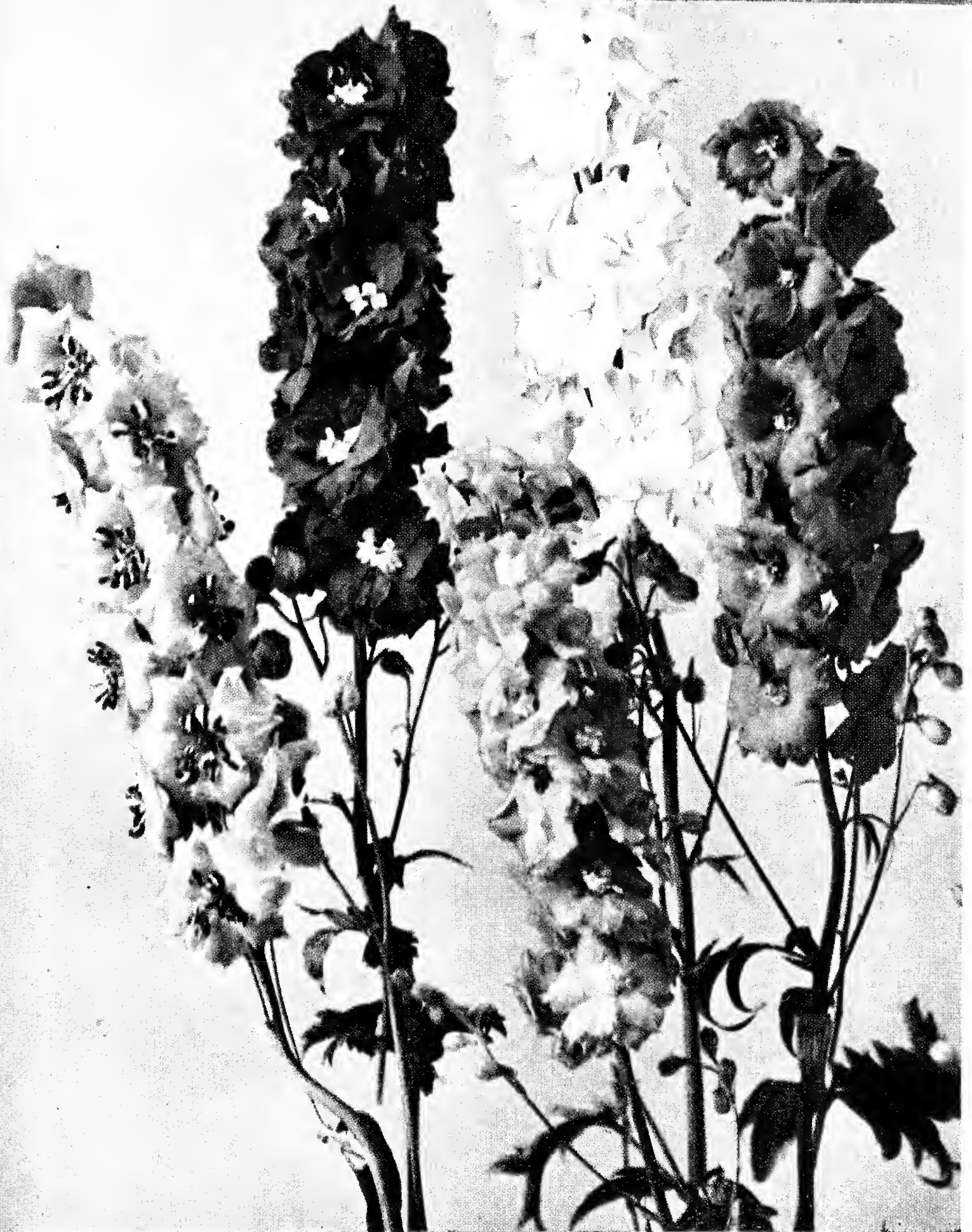


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HOODACRES ORIGINATING GARDENS

Where the Tall Delphiniums Grow

First home of the world's only double pure WHITE DELPHINIUMS and where other new plants burst forth from the unseen into earth life. Some of these are announced in this catalog and other introductions will follow. Many new colors and new forms are born here.



I wish to thank those who have reported results on the plants or seeds from Hoodacres, and add that any help I am able to give on your plant problems will be cheerfully rendered.

Unusual interest centers about HOODACRES WHITE varieties and the rare new shades made possible only through them. I shall appreciate any items from those growing them, as well as any interesting clippings relating to Delphiniums.

HOODACRES is located directly on the famous Columbia River Highway, easy to reach from Portland. Take Sandy Boulevard to Birdsdales Avenue and the large "Hoodacres Delphiniums" sign on the corner. (Midway between Portland city limits and Troutdale.) The largest displays of Delphiniums in bloom are through June, September and October. Visitors always welcome.

Flower catalogs in general assume the "poetic license" to embellish with exaggerations. We strive to make Hoodacres products better than the descriptions. Let us know if you think we have not succeeded.

CHAS. F. BARBER

(Mail and wire address) **Troutdale, Oregon**

Phone, Gresham (LD) 5071.

A REQUEST — Should the person receiving this Delphinium booklet have no need for it, a double favor will be conferred by passing it on to someone who may be interested.

HEARTBREAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL

Cicero, Ill.: "About a year and a half ago we bought a packet of Pearl Necklace and one of Complete Range. The seeds germinated excellently and never in my life have I seen such heartbreakingly beautiful flowers. * * * All I can say is that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the joy and beauty each plant has brought us."



A section of sunken Alpine Garden and Pool at Hoodacres.

CHASTE WHITE DELPHINIUMS

The New HOODACRES WHITES

One of the loveliest flowers imaginable is a well grown White Delphinium. Its beautiful formation and glistening purity charm when other white flowers do not appeal, and even one spike introduced in a vase of others makes the high-light, so essential to a perfect picture. Upon the vigorous foundation stock of Hoodacres plantings has been born a new race, called HOODACRES WHITES, a revelation to the world and the dream of many come true; the most surprising Delphinium development of the century.

After many years of skillful endeavor by the breeders of the world to produce a good semi-double White Delphinium, it remained for HOODACRES, in America, to bring forth this remarkable accomplishment. And it has been done with the fewest possible intermediate stages of development. The magnificent spikes of purest white are carried as tall and on just as rugged plants as the ones with color. This will be observed in the photographs reproduced in this booklet. There are no duplicates of these WHITES anywhere in the world.

Albinos of the past have been weak and of little worth. Quite as by magic these white creations came, leaving the hybridizers puzzling as to how it was brought about. But the Unseen is a world of actuality and there all things first exist. All we can do is to co-operate in making the conditions on this plane suitable for the reception of such new things.

Be wary of counterfeit "HOODACRES WHITE" Delphiniums. We can be in no way responsible for the character of seeds not grown and packeted here.

MOST BEAUTIFUL EVER SEEN

Great Falls, Mont.: "The Pearl Necklace seedling you sent last year was one of the most beautiful things I have ever seen."

THE VITALITY OF YOUR STOCK

Hamburg, N. Y.: "Wish to report on the White Delphinium seeds purchased from you last August. Germination was about 100 per cent and what plants I have this spring! Cannot be beat for size and root growth. Seeds purchased elsewhere and planted in the same cold-frame and at same time, have nothing to transplant from them this spring. That speaks volumes for the vitality of your stock."



HOODACRES WHITE, VELVABEE Vaulting an Eight-Foot Fence.

WHITE VARIETIES

Pearl Necklace: Large flowers of the purest glistening white and carried on a splendid size spike. This is an outstanding creation with its vigorous growth and luxuriant foliage. Strong plants \$8.00 each.

Angel's Breath: The same double, pure white large flowers as above but with a center of fawn. Beautiful combination. Strong plants \$8.00 each.

Velvabee: Clear white double flowers with centers black. For the charm of vivid contrast and purity this variety excels. Specimens attain a height of seven and eight feet, with spikes of proportionate lengths. \$10.00 each.

Vesta: The same striking black and white contrast as Velvabee, in a single flower. \$3.00.

The Bride: Imagine a Pearl Necklace Delphinium with a charming blush in place of the pure white blossom and you have a picture of The Bride. \$5.00 each.

Bridal Gown: A Hoodacres white with single blossoms. Handsome flowers and excellent plants. \$3.00 each.

Pearl Necklace Seedlings: Excellent specimens; large, pure white and double, but with slight variations from the parent that only the very critical would recognize. Although of greater value they are placed in one class to meet the demand for a true Hoodacres White at \$3.00 each. 15% off on 6 or more.

Velvabee Seedlings: Of the same quality as Pearl Neclace Seedlings but possessing the Velvabee characteristics. \$3.00 each.

For **Young Seedlings**—White—see page 9.
White Seeds, page 12.

IN ENGLAND, ALSO

Wellsboro, Pa.: "I saw some Hoodacres Whites flowering in England and they were a revelation to me."

OF COURSE, THE JUDGES KNOW

Littleton, Mass.: "Took first at our Flower Show on your Delphiniums and Columbines. And the Judges were kind enough to write on my card, 'Outstanding Horticultural Excellence'."

ENGLISH ADMIRERS

Newcastle-on-Tyne, England: "I have at different times sent your seeds to friends in England, from my home in Canada, and they are all very enthusiastic."



The HOODACRES WHITE varieties represented above are, in order of placement: VIKING, PEARL NECKLACE, ANGEL'S BREATH, VESTA, VELVABEE and a many-petaled specimen.

PLANTS — COLORED VARIETIES

HOODACRES HYBRIDS

Cannot be too highly recommended. From many thousands of plants, we select each season, at time of blooming, by a system of careful checking and labeling, a limited number of exceptional merit that are distinguished into light, medium and dark shades. These are grown into strong blooming specimens before they are sent out and are known as **SELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS** and **HOODACRES-WREXHAM HYBRIDS**.

SELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS — \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.75, 12 for \$10.00.

HOODACRES-WREXHAM HYBRIDS — Superior for size, coloring and general excellence. \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, 12 for \$18.00.

Color Selection. When indicating color preference the classified list on page 12 may be consulted.

UN-NAMED HOODACRES HYBRIDS are sold from the general planting, after all doubtful ones have been eliminated when in bloom. Many forms and colors. These give remarkable satisfaction and frequently single specimens are found to be worth the cost of a dozen. The price is low enough to encourage liberal planting. \$3.00 dozen, 2 dozen \$5.00.

Hoodacres White: Prices on page 6.

NOTICE — We now make free delivery on plant shipments to any destination in the United States, when the amount is \$1.00 or more. Our system of packing carries them in good order. **Fall shipment is strongly advised for mature plants.** Young seedlings in spring.

A REAL GARDENER

Madison, Conn.: "My Delphiniums were the envy of all my friends; the White varieties were especially admired. Some were seven feet tall. And my Columbines were simply gorgeous. I raise all my plants from seed myself, transplant them and do a great deal of the cultivating."

LONG BLOOMING HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

Hudson, Ill.: "Having had such marvelous Delphiniums from seeds I bought of you I am again sending an order. One outstanding thing about your plants that I haven't noticed mentioned in your testimonial is their extremely long blooming character, double that of any strain I have ever grown.

YOUNG SEEDLINGS — PLANTS

Topmost quality. Spring shipment, before June first. Good condition arrival guaranteed. The demand each spring for small unbloomed plants is now met. They are from August sowings, carried through winter in outdoor frames, insuring splendid vigor for late summer blooming. Prepared to ship safely anywhere on the North American continent. From following seed stock, specimen plants:

Complete Range of Shades and Forms.

Light Shades only, finest varieties.

Dark Shades only, finest varieties.

12 for \$1.50, 24 for \$2.50. Less than 12 and 4 or more 25c each. We pay parcel post charges.

YOUNG SEEDLINGS — WHITE

Seeds taken from choicest White plants. \$3.00 per dozen, 2 dozen \$5.00, 3 plants \$1.00. Percentage of white plants not guaranteed but produce 80 per cent here.

HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

—have been developing over a period of more than 25 years. Remarkable for great range of rarest coloring, variety of floret forms and towering spikes of luxuriant bloom, these features rest on the great constitutional vigor of the strain. We are constantly complimented on the root system carried by our plants. And they are grown without irrigation. Also, they bloom twice in the season.

Earlier in our extensive growing of Delphiniums we employed stakes made of spruce $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch size and $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in length. Later we had them made six feet long and now our seven-foot ones are none too tall for some of the plants. We use them as insurance against unlooked-for storms.

You can now buy genuine Hoodacres Delphinium plants, grown in our own fields and delivered, **transportation free**, in as perfect condition as from 50 miles distant, and at no greater cost than seedlings of indifferent parentage.

From Emily Post, Edgartown, Mass.: "The plants were too wonderful—I have never seen such splendid clumps. I am sure they will 'behave' beautifully and be a credit to us both."

SEEDS—OF HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

One of the most exacting operations at Hoodacres is the protection and collection of seeds from prepared specimen plants. Only such are used—we do not gather from the general planting. All seeds we send out are from the latest harvest season and therefore as fresh as possible. The new crop ready for distribution about August first.

All Hoodacres seeds are from double flowers, unless otherwise stated, and their seedlings are notably free from the rogues, culls, which too often develop from over-praised stock. Our seeds bring pleasing surprises at every turn.

COMPLETE RANGE of Shades and Forms. From finest individual plants. Not the ordinary "mixture" of left-overs. Into this class we are putting each year seeds of the newest things, some of which we have insufficient stock to offer separately. **Nowhere in the world is there offered a mixed packet of Delphinium seeds so filled with new colors and highest quality.** Liberal packet \$1.00.

BOUNTY BLEND: A generous packet carefully chosen from field specimens, representing all colors. Not the "mixty-maxy" sort commonly put up. (This supplants our ALLTYPES packet as an improvement.) Pkt. 50c.

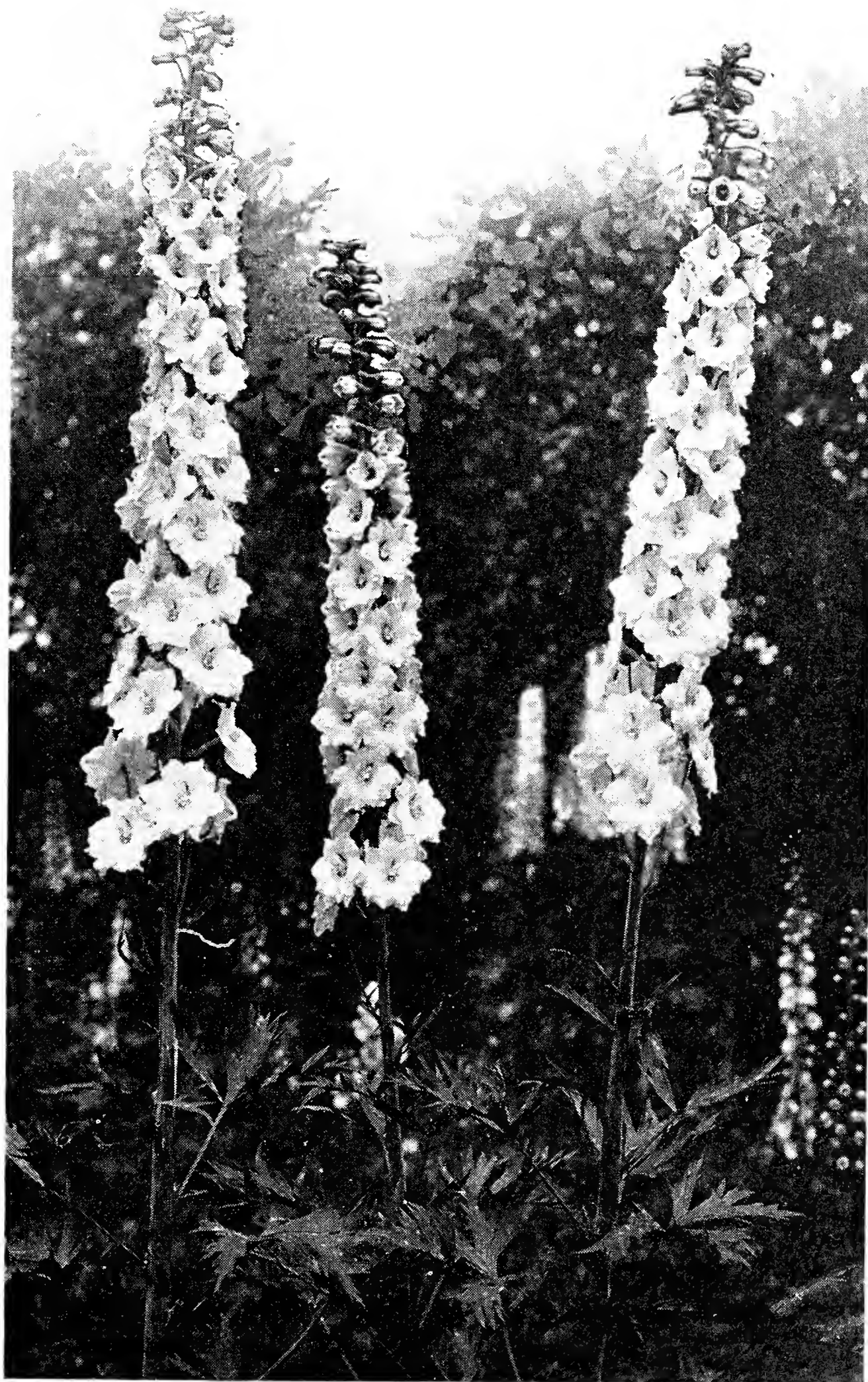
CONSPICUA: Extraordinary centers, surprising contrasts. Some of these are deep blue or purple carrying extra large white centers; others are medium shades with immense jet black and all are beautiful. Seeds only, \$2.00 pkt.

GENTIANET: Among the double-flowered Delphiniums self blues are not frequently found and the above represents the finest deep shade in this segregated class. It is the color of the gentian flower on sturdy well-developed plants. Pkt. \$2.00.

MANZANITA: Deepest red-purple, semi-double with black center and large. Plants strong and symmetrical. One of the most impressive in our fields. Pkt. \$2.00.

MISTLAND BLUE: In double-flowered Delphiniums self blues are rare. This is a charming medium tone, between azure and intense blue and sometimes called "powder blue." Pkt. \$2.00.

OPALSPIRE: As the name indicates, the tones run close to opal effects. They suggest also mother-of-pearl, delicate pink and pastel shadings. A beautiful development through the Hoodacres Whites. Pkt. \$1.50.



THE BRIDE, Beauty Blushing (Hoodacres White)

RED RAMA: A color that stands out strongest among Delphin-effects. The petalage is intense violet-red in contrast to the white center. Pkt. \$2.00.

THE WONDROUS: From an assembly of specimen Delphiniums, extraordinary for size of florets, we have selected a group of the best for seed parents, the standard of size being at least two and one-half inches and running light to very dark. \$2.00.

CLASSIFIED VARIETIES, Double

These separate shades are from our high-class stock and include some kinds that were formerly listed under distinct names, such as **SUNRISE PINK**, in the light shades; **Mauve Mantle**, in the medium tones, and **WREXHAM Strain**.

LIGHT

NAVAJO: White centers, and
OTTAWA with dark or black centers.

MEDIUM

PAWNEE: White centers, and
OTTAWA with dark or black centers.

In this class are the true mauves.

DARK

RAMA: White centers, and
SHASTA with dark or black centers.

These represent the rich purples, violets and blue-violets. Packets, separate only, \$1.00 each, the six for \$5.00.

SEEDS OF HOODACRES WHITE

Originator's True Stock

DOUBLE WHITE VARIETIES: Carefully selected mixture from choicest plants. Pkt. \$3.00.

PEARL NECKLACE: The Queen of all White kinds. Pkt. \$3.00.

ANGEL'S BREATH: The fawn-centered White. Pkt. \$3.00.

VELVABEE: The flower of contrast, Black and White. Pkt. \$3.00

SHIP'S MAST: Clear white throughout, tall and magnificent. Pkt. \$3.00.

WHITE SISTER: A smaller form of Pearl Necklace. Pkt. \$2.00.

THE BRIDE: A pink tinged Pearl Necklace. \$2.00.

WHITE COMPANY: Seeds from fine White specimens, grown in the fields with colored kinds. \$2.00.

Any seed order from this catalog amounting to \$6.50 for \$5.00. Amounts in excess of \$6.50 at 25% discount. (This does not apply to plants.)



SHIPS MAST, Hoodacres White, one plant.

How to Grow Delphiniums from Seeds

Hoodacres seeds are harvested throughout the month of July and are ready to send out the first week in August, just in time to be sown for carrying over winter.

The seed-bed, whether flat, cold-frame or open ground, cannot be too carefully prepared. Avoid any risky element in the soil. We must both encourage the seeds to germinate and have congenial conditions ready for the sensitive infant plants. When pots or flats are used put ample drainage material at the bottom, shards or gravel, and over this some sphagnum or peat moss. A good seed soil is two parts virgin soil or its equivalent; one part leaf-mold from deciduous trees, one part sharp sand (more in heavy soil). Mix well, sift and put in enough to bring the layer to within an inch or so of the finished surface. On this strata sprinkle a light mixture of fine charcoal and sulphur in about equal parts, and add remainder of the soil.

Level and press smooth before planting the seeds. The soil should be neither wet nor dry but just nicely moist. Sow the seeds in shallow drills, never more than one-fourth inch deep, and fill with fine clean sand, or sand and soil. **Never let the seed-bed dry out for even a moment**, nor should it be kept soggy. Cover lightly and shade till plants appear, then gradually give stronger light.

Seeds in a temperature below 60 degrees or above 75 may not be harmed if the condition lasts only a short time but these are danger lines.

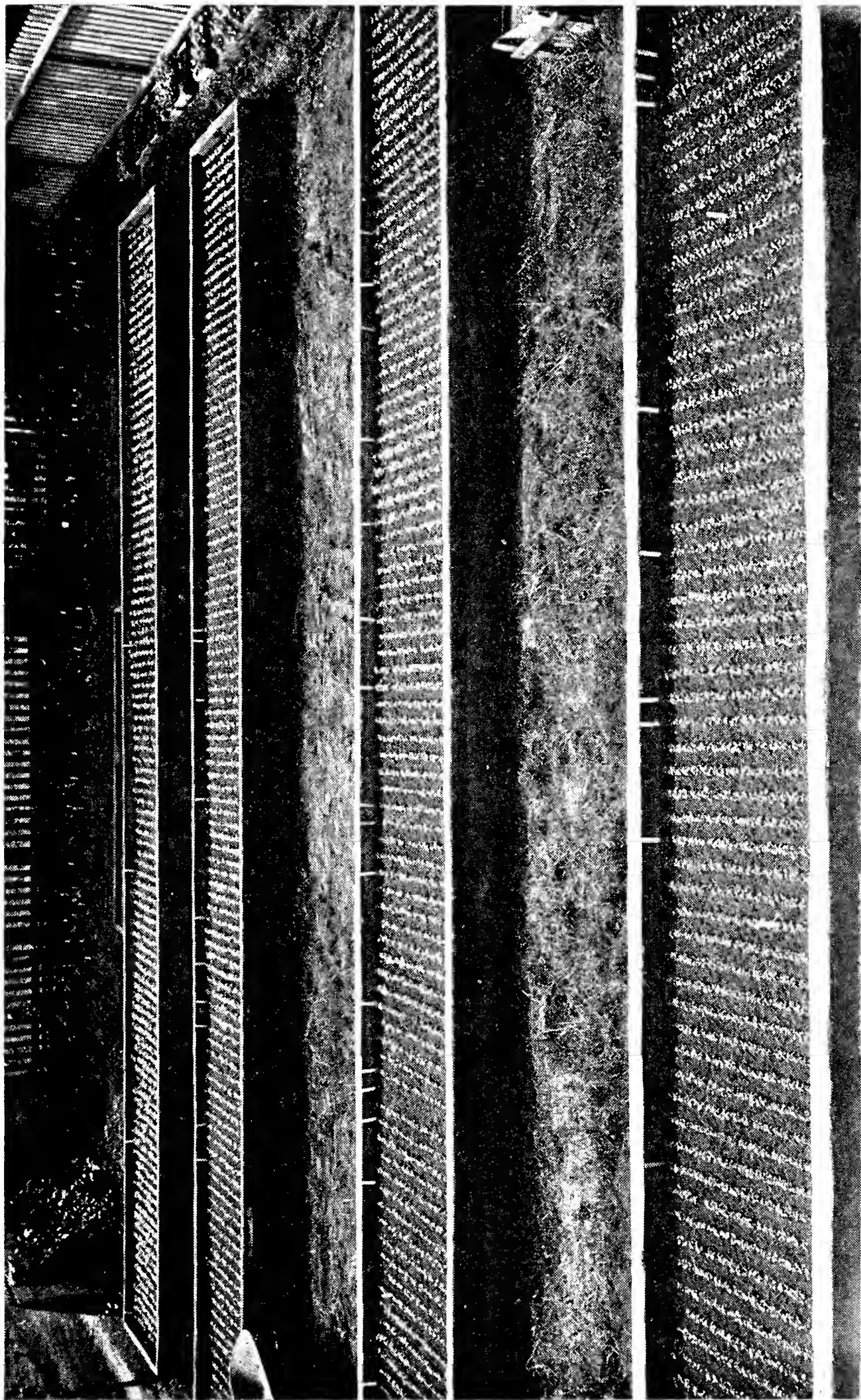
For August sowing, cold-frames without glass may be used (where they can remain over winter) shading well until germination takes place. They will flower the following summer. Very early spring sowing in gentle heat (greenhouse or hot-bed) will also produce bloom the same season. Once transplanted before going into permanent place induces fuller root system.

A half-inch layer of sand on top of seed-bed will afford winter protection, and discourage slugs.

It is unsafe to sow out-of-doors after August (except in California and similar climates), as frost will lift the too small plants.

Delphinium seeds are only at their best when fresh and should not be counted upon when more than one year old. The fresher they are the more prompt will be germination. We never send out old harvesting. Count on an average of two weeks for Delphinium seeds to show germination.

TRANSPLANTING of August-sown seedlings should be deferred until spring in most sections.



August-sown Frames at Hoodacres. More than forty varieties of *Delphinium* seeds. Note the remarkable uniformity in germination. The one row in second frame which failed was a hand-pollinated cross with a rare foreign species.

The Coldframe

It does not take much training in garden practice to recognize the importance of a cold-frame for seed sowing, yet many side-step this valuable garden aid. Perhaps they fail to sense the principle of the thing and its implications, thinking only of a pictured affair made by the carpenter with factory sash on hinges, plus a good-sized cost bill to pay. That kind is fine for some but for others a large wooden box, donated by the hardware man or grocer, will do wonders when its bottom is knocked out. What we are really after is protection and control.

Locate your improvised or full-fledged frame in a southern exposure if possible, for it is easier to do some shading if necessary than to shift the sun. Fill at least six inches above outside level with ordinary soil to insure perfect drainage and ease of operation. (We use a foot or more.) Two inches of special seed soil will afterwards be placed on top of this. In places where moles spade their way underground, wire mesh should be tacked to the bottom of the frame. Our own concrete frames are floored with concrete, perforated for drainage. In heavy winds the sides help to break the shock.

(Excerpt from article by Chas. F. Barber in the 1938 Year Book of the American Delphinium Society on "From Dry Seeds to Living Delphiniums.")

GIANT JAPS THE ENVY OF ALL

Amesbury, Mass.: "The Japanese Iris, Kalhiko and Lucie Marshall, bought of you two years ago, have been the envy of all admirers." (8-6-34)

Long lists of Japanese Iris do not by any means imply marked distinctions in color and form, while much depends upon the inherent vigor of the plant itself. We are continually eliminating varieties which are defective in this respect. And we do not hesitate to discard any kind which has been superseded by a better. In blossom size we have practically doubled that of yesterday, and new colorings also are appearing. The reddish, or russet, tones are now coming in, and pinkish mauves, also.

Delphinium Pests

The clean garden discourages many enemies, especially the bacterial ones. Decaying litter provides them a good home.

Avoid fresh manure near plants as you would the pestilence. And use any high-powered fertilizer with extreme caution. It is safer to stick to the plain old-fashioned foods that we all know how to deal with.

Before the Delphiniums start growth in spring a lime-sulphur soaking of the soil, at the orchard strength of ten to one, is an excellent precautionary measure.

In some sections there are spasmodic attacks of the so-called "Blight" or "Blacks"; technically it is known as "cyclamen-mite." It produces distortion and blackening of the growing plant. As the roots may not be affected, the plant should be cut to the ground and burned. A weekly spray of "Rototox" should keep it in check. Our Oregon stock is free from this pest.

If there is a tendency to mildew or black-spot, adding Black-leaf 40 to the lime-sulphur at the rate of one tablespoon to three gallons of water, is recommended. Fortunately, Hood-acres is quite free from these disturbances.

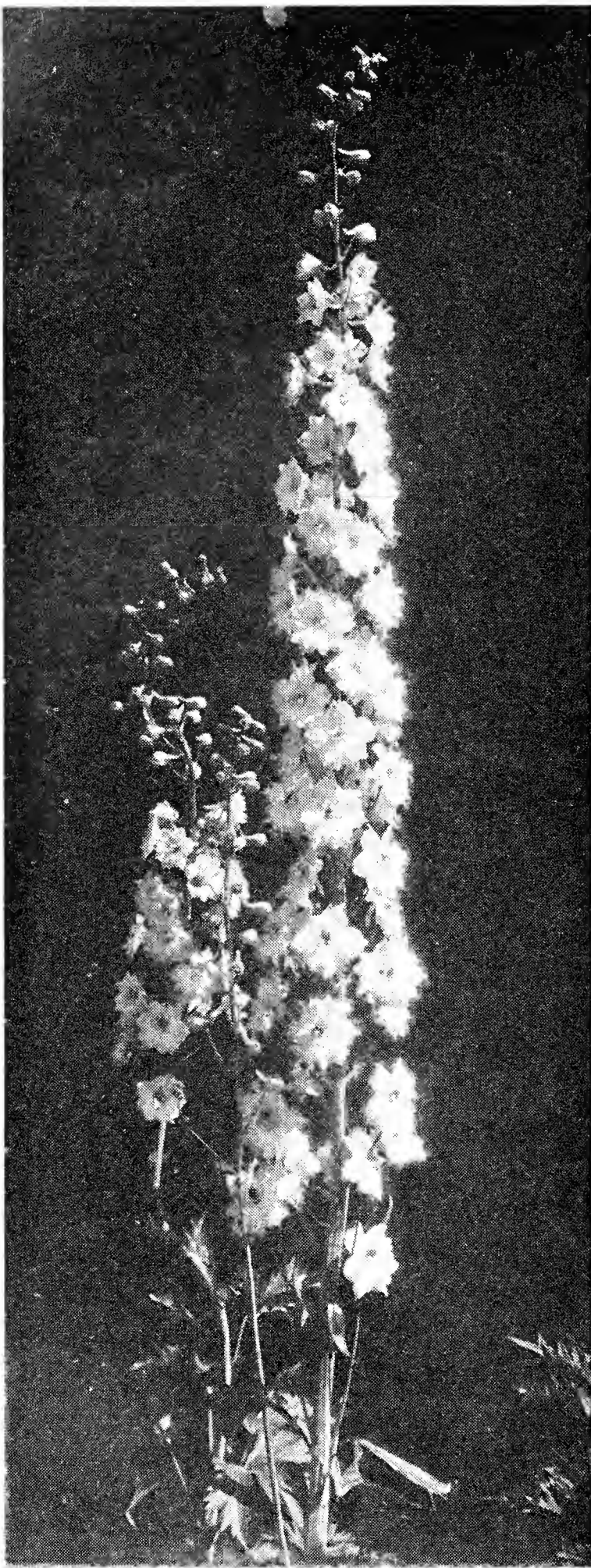
Slugs will sometimes leave home merely by the use of sharp sand strewn over the ground, but more persistent breeds may need copper sulphate crystals crushed fine and scattered where they raid. This is very poisonous and must be handled accordingly.

HOW NATURE TESTS HOODACRES STOCK

Kewanee, Ill.: "My seedlings came through the winter in fine condition. I have several Whites of good substance and many of the Opalspire type, all most unusual and outstanding. I wish to say that such seedlings as have bloomed must be pretty tough to go through a winter with weather 26 degrees below zero and a summer with heat as high as 114 degrees. I have the utmost respect for the survivors."

THEY GASPED

Bath, N. Y.: "I grew some of your seeds for Mr. Dildine and the results were beyond our expectations. He exhibited the collection this spring at the local Flower Show and caused the other Delphinium growers to gasp."



WHITE MAJESTY. Stature, length of spike and placement of the perfect individual blossoms make this plant a focal point to visitors.

IN A GARDEN

There is healing
In a garden:
My heart was torn
And when
I thrust my trowel
Into the ground
The Trowel was needle
To my wound,
Evenly stitching
To repair
The serrate edges
Of the tear.
Into my torn heart
Peace came stealing.
In a garden
There is healing.

LAURA MILLER

Delphinium Culture

Mature plants are safely moved throughout the fall and very early spring. Except in very wet, cold soils, autumn planting is strongly recommended. They are not checked when spring growth starts.

After getting well-grown plants, allow a two-foot space for each and open the earth to same depth, and 12 inches in breadth, filling the lowest foot with a mixture of very old manure and garden soil, with a good sprinkling of raw bone meal, thoroughly incorporated with the soil, then tamp.

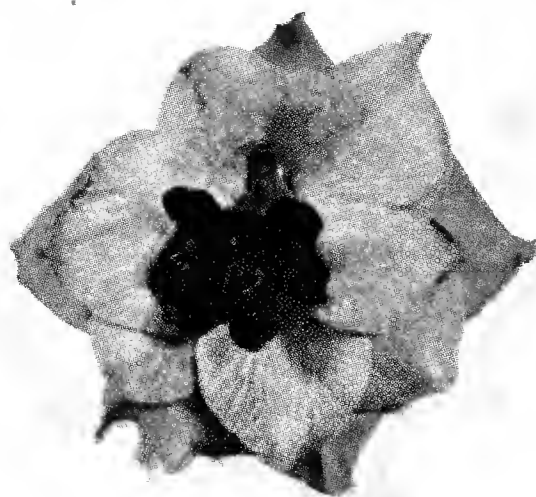
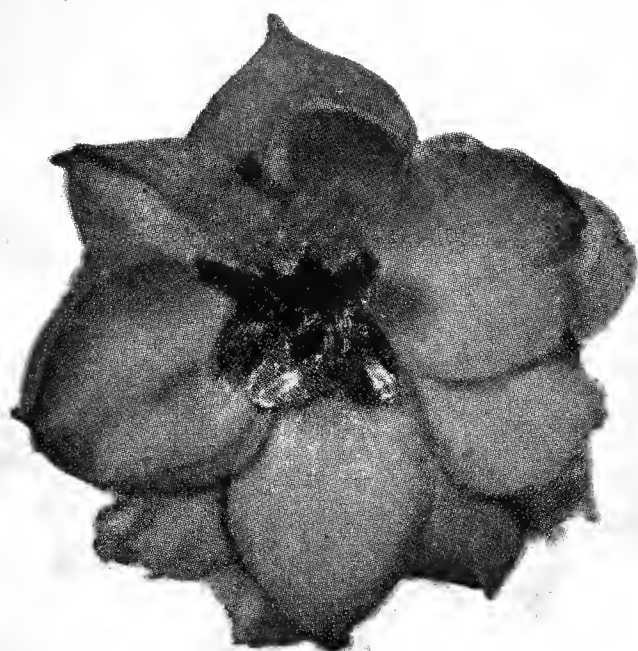
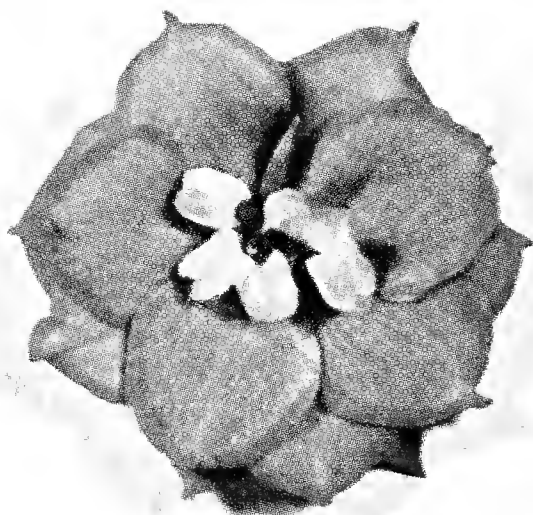
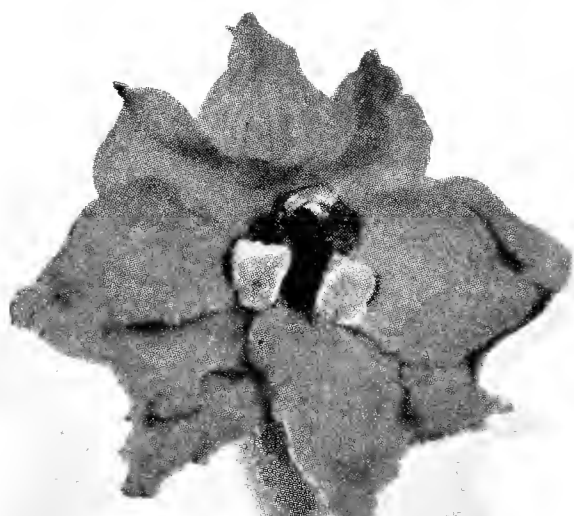
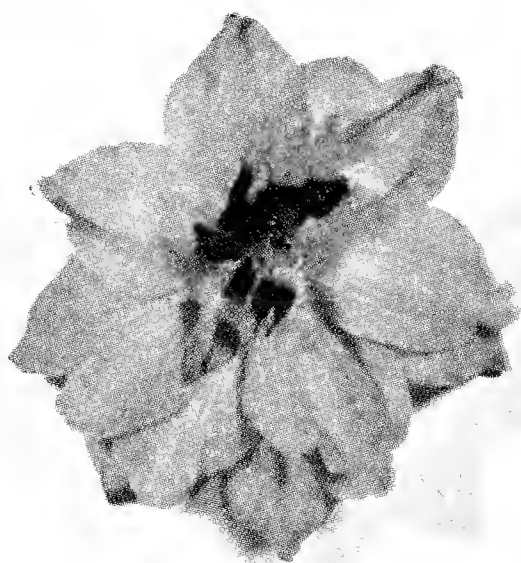
Where the sub-soil is very heavy, dig the hole six inches deeper and fill that depth with coarse gravel to insure perfect drainage. If the soil is of a clayey nature, incorporate sand and peat moss with a little ground limestone. Then for the upper half add to your very best garden soil this mixture: Bone meal, ground charcoal and sulphur, equal parts. If soil is naturally acid include a little lime. Set crowns two inches below the surface, the roots well spread and soil firmed against them before leveling. Avoid dense shade, roots, trees, and stuffy locations.

When growth first starts in spring, dig around each plant a trowel of bone meal, mixed with an equal amount of hardwood ash or commercial potash. Cut faded spikes to prevent seeding. It is the nature of hybrid Delphiniums to bloom a second time in the season and as the second growth appears the old stalk yellows, is no longer required, and should be cut down. After a short resting period, give another supply of bone meal and ash, being careful not to destroy the fine surface-feeding roots, and water as needed. If the weaker growths are removed when plants are a few inches high, the remaining ones will benefit. Well-grown Delphiniums will bloom the first season after planting and, being true perennials, should, with favorable conditions, increase in size and grandeur each year.

In much heated sections, as the Southern States and Southern California, the best time for watering Delphiniums seems to be in very early morning, as evening sometimes proves unsafe. Frequent ground-stirring is better than heavy watering in such sections.

As figs do not grow on thistles, no matter how we tend them, no more can you expect show spikes on your Delphiniums if stock is procured from unskilled growers.

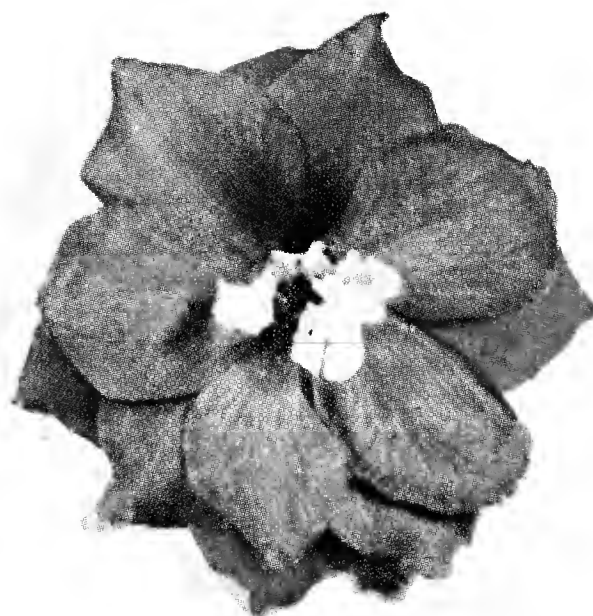
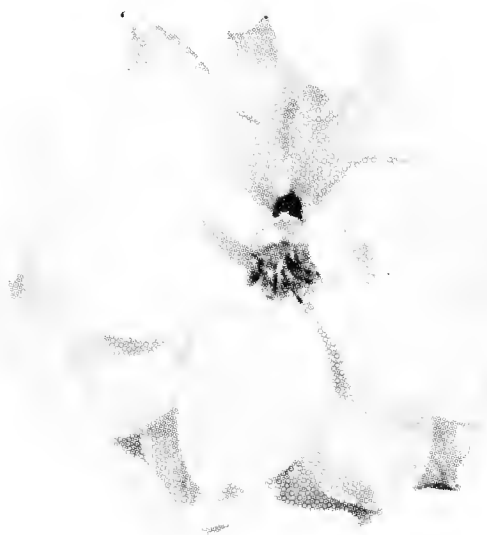
If all fertilizers are first mixed with a larger amount of dry soil they will work without injury.



Variety Names — Mistland Blue (seeds),
Sarah Barber,
Manzanita (seeds),

SUGGESTING THE COLOR RANGE

Conspicua, single.
Decoration
Chief Grandin



E IN HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

Opalspire (seeds),
 Sunrise Pink,
 Mauve Mantle (seeds),

Conspicua (seeds)
 Gentianet (seeds)
 Rama (seeds)

DOUBLE BLOOMING

The hybrid perennial Delphinium is urgent to repeat its early summer performance and bloom again later. This generosity on their part suggests that we give them a good feeding when the first display passes and not neglect watering.

All Delphinium plants, except Small Seedlings, are one to two years old. **No charge for packing or transportation.**

Fall shipments begin about the middle of September and continue into November.

The Hoodacres method of preparing and packing plants for shipment fits them to stand long journeys in good condition.

The Test of Seed Trueness: In a solid planting of seedlings, 60 x 60 feet square, from seeds gathered in our regular white section and bloomed out in 1935 for the first time, 83% of all the plants were White. Such a record for a new Delphinium variety has probably never before been made.

Turning Delphinium seeds over to the regular florist to germinate is often risky. We give growers the benefit of over thirty years specializing with them, but the professional resents being told. As aristocrats the Delphinium race insists upon having its own way, too.

Delphinium Seeds started before end of August will carry over winter in a simple cold frame and bloom the following summer. Except in California and the Southern States, outdoor germination will be questionable after August. We send full planting instructions with each seed order.

Unless otherwise demanded, all seed orders received after June 1st will be filled from the new crop, ready about August 1st. August planting will bloom the following summer.

AUSTRALIAN PLANT AUTHORITY REPORTS ON HOODACRES SEEDS

"I was very pleased to receive yours of September 3d with Delphinium seeds enclosed, which you will be interested to know have germinated well. I must congratulate you on your care in packing your seeds. It is probably partly due to this method of packing that the germination is 100% after the long sea voyage.



Our Visitors from Japan

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Hoodacres Giant Japs

PICTURESQUE JAPANESE IRIS FOR AMERICAN GARDENS

Their form, their markings and their color effects are distinctly Oriental, and strike a new and captivating note of garden pleasure. The foliage is upright and ornate, in contrast to the coarse leafage of some other plants.

It is difficult to express by words the many variations in tone that result from nature's use of violet shades and white, embellished with gold, which are the prevailing base colors of the class. Yet they run from the most intense red and blue violets or purple down through their most delicate shadings to pure white. Many of our newest hybrids are particularly charming in tender orchid tones.

Their culture is easy, but exacting as to their simple wants. The soil must be deeply dug and on the acid side which excludes lime and bone meal. Leaf mold and manure may be used quite freely for richness, and to create greater acidity apply in spring a light dressing of Aluminum Sulphate. Then be sure that before and during the blooming season there is no lack of moisture in the soil and if your plants are well chosen you will marvel at their size and opulence. But do not expect them to be at their best the first season after planting. Best planted in full sun.

This list of Japanese Iris is truly one of outstanding origination and not of out-dated mediocrities. Many named varieties have been discarded as too far below our standard and thousands rogued for the same reason. Too many growers are loth to eliminate stocks which have been superseded in quality. If out of a thousand hand-crossed seedlings we get two or three of rare merit we are pleased, but such plants cannot be sold at the price of the ninety-and-nine.

We are now prepared to distribute some of the splendid new blue varieties evolved here at Hoodacres; they are large and impressive. Good blues have been a need in the Japanese class and we are now ready to share them. Bluebeard, Ki-ko-to and Tamisra are representative of the deeper shades. Watch for the new crested varieties.

Azure (68): Great wavy petals of mauve-blue deepening towards the golden arrow at base. Double. 50c.

Bluebeard (157): Rich strong blue with fine white veins towards center. Double. \$1.50.

Blue Danube (82): Large double, indigo-blue with violet. Rays of white from base. Showy. 50c.

Blue Edge: An always charming combination—white, with a narrow band of blue. Double. An improved variety in this coloring. 75c.

Blue Haze (55): Soft violet blue with gray halo. Double. 50c.

Blue Skies (66): Light orchid blue, large attractive double. \$1.00.

Charlotte (27): Bright violaceous-blue with gray-white mottling, yellow bar. Beautiful single. 50c.

Cloisonne (31): Tyrian blue and purple, white feathering towards base with orange arrow. Double. 50c.

Dancing Girl (S84): Mulberry purple, large crest. Double. \$1.

Dorothy Boynton (S51): White with violet veins and crested deeper violet. 75c.

Elbrus (23): New clear lavender, near azure. Double. \$1.50.

Escutcheon (64): Fine medium blue with heavy gray veins. Double. \$1.00.

Fra Elburtus (200): Intense blue-violet six. Deepest coloring, yet holds in sun. \$1.00.

Fujisan (51): A perfect flower. Plants most vigorous and abundant bloomer. Shades of fine light blue-lavender. Large double and fairly tall. \$1.00.

Glorywine (107): Winy veins on gray white, winy halo to gold shaft. Unusual coloring. Double. \$1.00.

Graciosa (39): Soft veined pink. Double. 50c.

Hakusan (85): Fine wistaria blue. Double. 75c.

Ho-o-jo (169): Large double, "velvety rose". \$1.25.

Kasugano (142): Fine double, deep pink with deeper pencilings, gold bar, fine size. 75c.

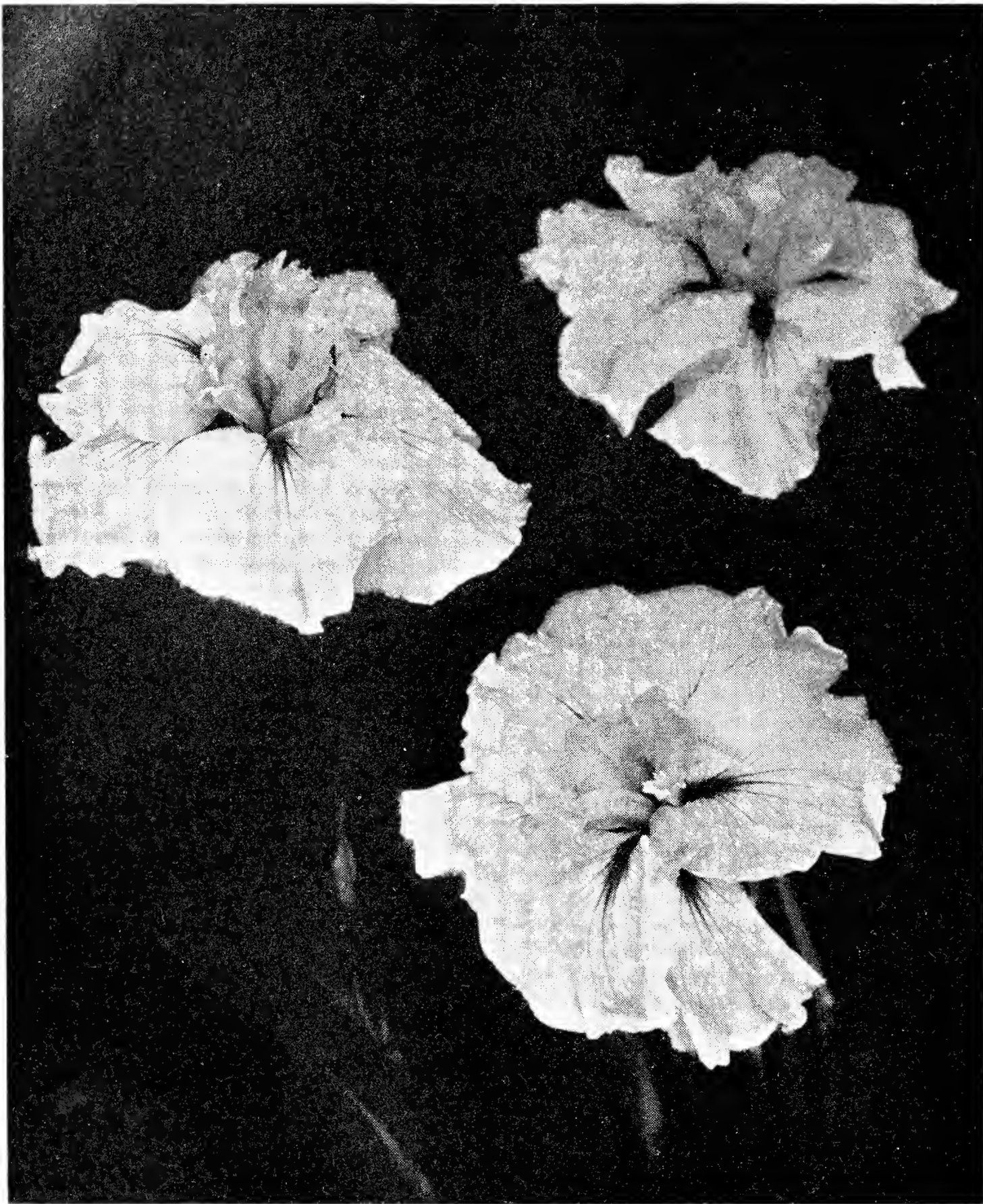
Ki-ko-to (210): Very large bluish violet. Double. \$1.50.

Kin Lee (148): Fine large medium-toned double; deep orchid. Holds color well. 50c.

Lao Tsze (196): Light wistaria violet, large double. Deeper and larger than Elbrus. \$1.50.

Light-in-the-Opal (22): The newest, finest and largest in pink Japs. Double. \$2.00.

Lucie Marshall (69): A spectacular large double. Pansy-violet intensified with broad gold spear, surrounded white and white pistils. Universally admired. 50c.



Among the outstanding Japanese Iris recently orginated here, this one is singularly beautiful. Its name, **PERFECT PEACE**, is well chosen. Pure white — the dark bars represent gold in throat. Note the remarkable crest.

Mahogany Glory (S82): Fine double, rich mahogany red. \$1.
Morning Mist (S87): Fine single white with faint blue overcast. \$1.00.

Mrs. Fred Honey (Sm90): Large double flower of velvety mulberry purple, prominent gold bars. Beautiful new variety. 75c.

Mrs. John Hawker (Sm45): Unique in its distinct and rare coloring of coerulean blue. Flowers double. Highly valuable to the connoisseur. \$1.50.

Mu-ra-Saki (S83): Very large, blue haze, mottled white. Six petals. Double. Outstanding. \$1.00.

Norma (45): Fine lavender pink touched with blue halo. Double. \$1.25.

Ocean Crossed (225): Unusual coloring in rose to russet with white, crested. Double. \$1.50.

Plaisance (46): Light violet with gray veins and halo. Large double. 75c.

Paradise (143): Light orchid pink, slight blue halo. Larger, taller, Norma. Double. \$1.50.

Perfect Peace (S18): A marvelous new flower. Purest white throughout, very large, with tall frilled crest in place of the usual standards. Its waxen purity is most captivating. \$1.50.

Priscilla (S41): Double white with purple veins. 75c.

Redhof (119): Reddish tone of purple. Double. 50c.

Rose Hugh (65): Double russet red and white, bright and tall. \$1.00.

Shaded Plume (208): Large three petal flower, sharp violet veins on white, with contrasting standards and pistils, violet. 75c.

Shin Ran (222): Glowing orchid, large, crested and double. Fine blue halo. \$1.50.

Smith's Glory (Sm93): Strikingly large and imposing. Purple with winy veins, giving a russet cast. Bright gold bars. Double and one of the newest. 75c.

Tamisra (165): Extra large, double, strong blue violet. Holds color in sun. \$1.25.

Taj Mahal (224): Deep blue double, crested. \$1.00.

Ucaygua (212): Large reddish, gray white midribs and styles. Double, large. 75c.

Violet Tower (197): Much blooming, "Manganese Violet," large, tall and double. 75c.

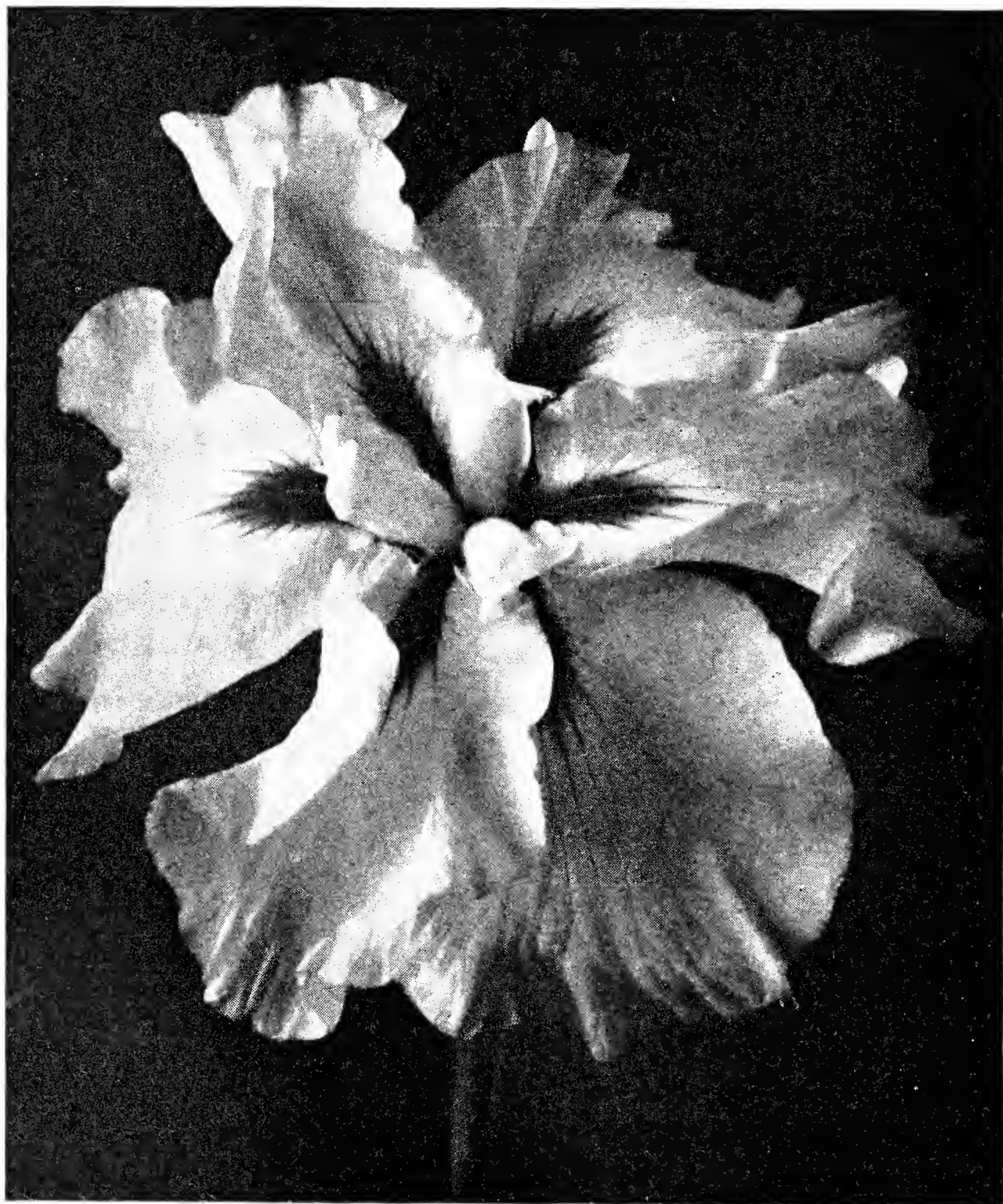
White Dress (84): Tall double white, prolific bloomer over long season. Golden spades at base. 75c.

Wyalusing (194): Large white double, pale veins at throat. 50c.

Discount: 15 per cent off on 5 or more, from prices quoted above.

IRIS—Continued

Bounty Collection: In addition to above we are growing many varieties ranging from 50c to \$1.00 each, of which we have insufficient stock to list. These together with surplus of our regular kinds we are including in this collection, well balanced for color. \$2.50 for 10. Delivered.



A Hoodacres Achievement: FUJISAN



IN A SUNKEN GARDEN. The Japanese Iris look particularly well by the waterside.

HOODACRES HYBRID HEUCHERA

(Pronounce it HOY'-KER-A)

"Coral Bells" or "Fairy Flowers"

A new race of these sparkling flowers. Greater size and vigor, many new colors and improved blooming quality. Handsome evergreen foliage, many wiry stems clothed with bells of rich and vivid red shades, also soft pinks and white. Height 12 to 18 inches. Much more vigorous and prolific of bloom than the older kinds offered by the general nursery. An ideal edging plant for all the year and brilliant with color over a long period. An ornament in the rock garden and a lasting cut-flower. When this plant is grown in colonies it becomes a revelation of beauty. One of our specialties.

CULTURE OF CORAL BELLS — Soil that is not too heavy and preferably somewhat sandy. Bone meal and potash reliable as fertilizers, but use sparingly and spade in thoroughly.

Important — Taking some divisions each spring from the older plants will insure vigorous blooming stock. Cut them out close to main root and each piece will be found to have roots attached. Shade these and keep watered; all should grow.

Albatross: Clear white and effective for contrast.

Angelus Bells: Charming medium tone of coral.

Bobolink: Bright rosy pink, medium height.

Carillon: Near to Queen of Hearts color, but smaller flowers.

Cathedral Bells: Vigorous glowing pink.

Coralie: Bright rose red, seedling Q. of H.

Flambeau: Brilliant coral scarlet.

Gerandole: Low growing salmon pink. English variety.

Gorgeous: Medium coral; English variety.

Hermes: Spray-like flowers, tall, flesh pink.

Jewel of Allah: Light pink or "Begonia Rose".

Light of Allah: Enchanting tall "Rose Red".

Matin Bells: Bright pink, medium tall.

Melody: Light coral pink, an abundant bloomer, fine for massing.

Mission Bells: Rose red. Blooms later. Tall.

Pink Delight: One of the newest. Color: "Begonia Rose," floriferous.

Rain of Fire: The well-known "Coral Bells" color.

Tanabel: Warm rose pink, medium height.

Temple Bell: Fine rich bluish scarlet.

White Crescent: Stronger grower than Albatross; creamy white.

Above varieties 30c each, three for 85c, 12 for \$3.00.

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Hoodacres Hybrid Heuchera

Lavalier: Charming color and form. Warm pink, light blossom centers, and long blooming. A new development. 75c.

Queen of Hearts: Deepest glowing coral coral-scarlet. Long blooming. 50c each, 12 for \$5.50.

Heuchera Seedlings: Varying shades, mostly corals, \$2.00 per dozen, 6 for \$1.25, 100 for \$12.50.

STURDY STOCK OF CORAL BELLS

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: "The Coral Bell seedlings arrived in excellent condition and are thriving in spite of 100-degree temperature."

HEUCHERAS BLOOMING GAYLY

Orange, N. J.: "The Heucheras purchased from you last fall are blooming gayly, and are very beautiful."

Davenport, Wash.: "My Heucheras, 'Queen of Hearts,' bought from you last fall, has been and still is a grand sight."

ORIENTAL POPPIES

For splendor they occupy a place of their own. We have eliminated from our plantings all the old small-flowered and common orange kinds.

Plant in neutral soil of good quality, deeply dug, where they are to remain. Their roots are long and brittle.

For best results the Orientals should be moved in late August, as they make a fall growth and should not be disturbed afterwards.

Australia: Immense size, rich, deep carmine bowls standing three feet in height. \$1.25.

Gray's Orange: An upstanding large orange-scarlet, very little black at throat; attractive. Australian production. 75c.

Lady Moore: Glowing salmon-pink. Keeps its color and blooms along with Delphiniums; remarkable color combination, 24 in. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

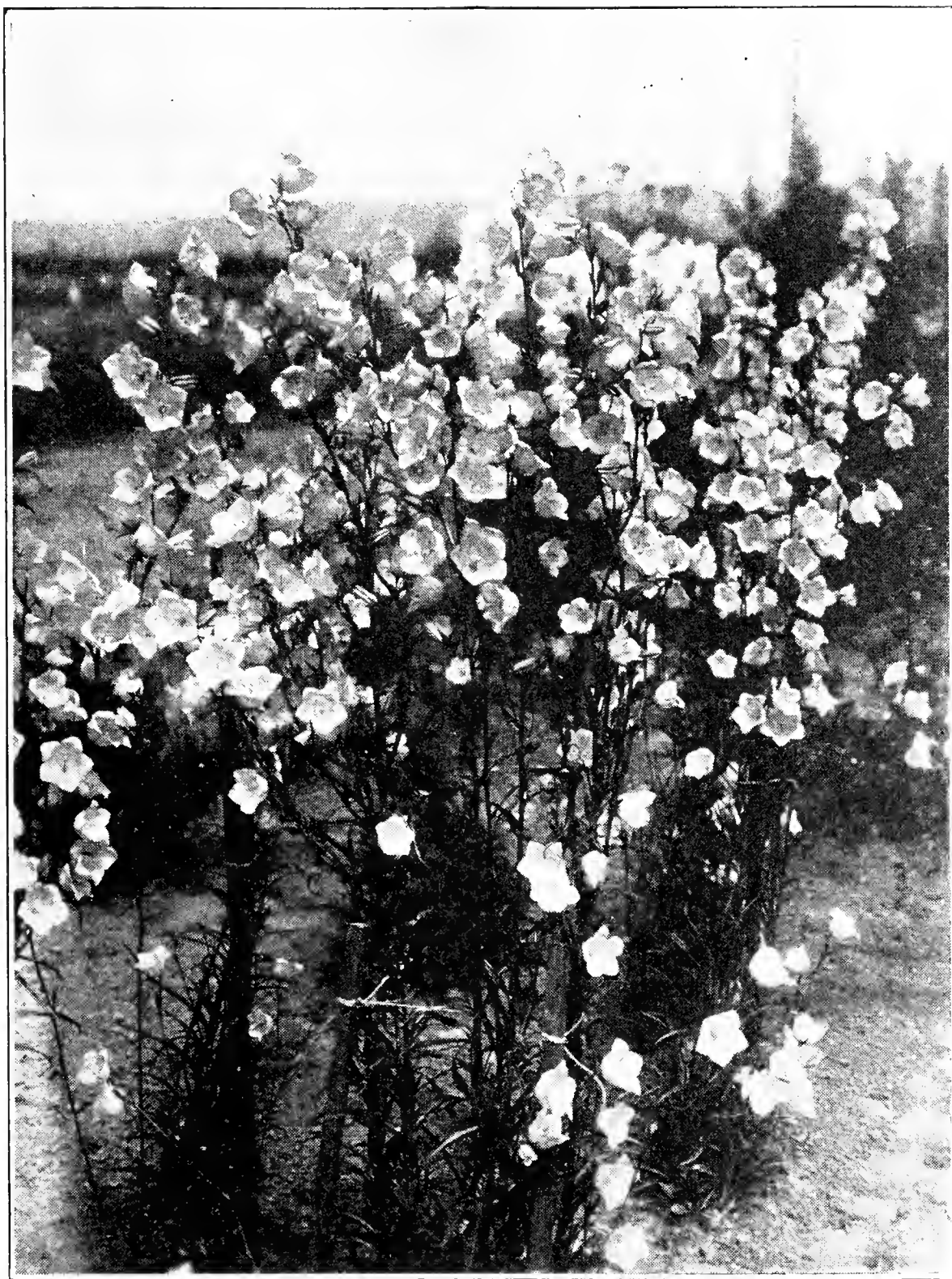
Lord Lambourne: Deeply fringed petals, heavily blotched black at throat. 50c.

Mandarin: Remarkable Chinese red, very tall and strong grower; rare. \$1.00.

Mrs. Stobart: A new and rare English introduction, soft old rose; very unusual. \$1.50.

The Chosen: Delicate shrimp pink; tall and large. \$1.00.

Trilby: Another outstanding Oriental. Large shapely blossoms of lustrous red, petals crinkled. An important feature is its late-blooming quality which happily extends the season. \$1.00 each.



TOWER BELLS

Campanulas of the new "Giant" peachbells class, standing four to five feet high with tough stems, clothed their length with great bells of Bradley's Violet. Splendid Delphinium companions, hardy and long blooming. 40c each, 3 for \$1.00, dozen \$3.50.

BEAUTY BELLS

Double flowered Campanulas, in the TOWER BELLS class but like one wistaria-violet cup fitted neatly inside another, and both extra large. They are free flowering, not quite so tall as Tower Bells. 50c, 3 for \$1.35, dozen \$5.00.

HOODACRES AUBRIETIAS

Semi-trailing alpine perennials. The catalogs list wall, rock-garden and edging plants by the thousands and merit must attach to each one for somebody, somewhere, sometime; but when the casual visitor comes into your garden in spring it will be to ignore most of the demure things, but a good planting of Aubrietias will be a feast for all, and one can afford to forget their congeners for the time. They just will not be outdone in liberality of bloom and insist upon getting started bright and early to carry on for a couple of months and scatteringly still longer. Their hillocks of solid color, violet, purple, blue, crimson and pink tones are glorious. The pale shades from imported seeds are not effective. Our development of these plants over a long period has brought exceptional size and coloring.

Pink Parachute: Soft dianthus pink. Mounds beautifully.

Purple Knoll: Rich glowing violet-purple.

Red Boulder: Penetrating ruby red, exceedingly attractive.

Plants 40c each, 3 for \$1.00, dozen \$3.75.

Assorted varieties, including new seedlings, 30c each, 3 for 80c, dozen \$3.00.

LITHOSPERMUM (Gromwell)

Heavenly Blue

The rock garden is really incomplete without this incomparable blue plant. It is evergreen and trails as a small prostrate shrub. Its mats are covered in May and June with blossoms the size and shape of large Aubrietia flowers, but "heavenly blue" in color. 50c each, 12 for \$5.00.

COREOPSIS Grandiflora fl. pl.

This splendid double form of the hardy bright yellow border plant is rarely seen. Our stock produces full double flowers. To maintain its perfect doubling the plants should be divided every third spring. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.



Individual plant of Hoodacres Aquilegia. Typical for size of blossom and length of spur.

HOODACRES Strain of AQUILEGIAS (Columbines)

The plants with beautiful foliage and always charming flowers, for sun or shade. The Hoodacres strain is notable for its large flowers and long spurs, but especially its new deep colors. Packets contain the deeper colors along with medium and light shades, well proportioned, as Eastern Prince, Copper Queen, Silver Queen, Myrose, Golden Shore, Red Spur, etc. Pkt. 50c. Some of these varieties can be supplied separately.

SEEDLINGS from our finest stock, blooming size. \$2.00 per dozen, \$1.25 for 6.

FROM PUBLIC GARDENS, KYNETON (Near Melbourne), AUSTRALIA

"I am pleased with your strain of Aquilegias, now in full bloom. Unique colors among them. Mr. D—— sent me seeds of several English strains at about the same time, so I am comparing them. So far yours are much the best. Your Heucheras are also blooming and are fine."

(Later) "Re Aquilegias: I gave a lecture on these flowers at the last meeting of the Horticultural Society and you may like to know that I took a large bunch of Hoodacres Strain, which proved a revelation to the Society for the beautiful new colors."

HOODACRES LONG-SPURRED AQUILEGIAS

Elizabethtown, Pa. "The Columbines I grew from your seeds are the finest I have ever seen, hence the order for additional ones."

ILLINOIS COMPETING WITH ENGLAND AND THE WEST COAST

Chicago, Ill.: "A Mrs. Miller, of Lake Bluff, Ill., loaned me your catalogue. * * * I have never seen such Delphiniums as she grows, outside of England and the West Coast."

A FRAGRANT WHITE

Girard, Pa.: "A white Delphinium that came from a packet of your Velvabee seed was delightfully fragrant. A guest in garden noticed it before I did."

SAW NOTHING IN ENGLAND TO COMPARE

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho: "Was in England last year and saw nothing to compare with your Delphiniums."

MOST OUTSTANDING BLOOM IN THE SHOW

Oshawa, Canada: "Have just been awarded the Ontario Horticultural Association Blue Ribbon for the most outstanding bloom in their Show, won with one of your seedlings grown from seed purchased last year."

HEMEROCALLIS — The DAYLILY

Most effective border plants in their greatly improved forms, that bloom after the plethora of flowers is past. Tones of yellow and gold and heights from eight inches to four feet. New shades and largest blossoms. Deeply dug soil, well enriched, will show in size and abundance of blossoms.

We have screened out many of the new varieties which have had fictional praise and list here such as our own tests have demonstrated worthy to recommend.

Ajax: Splendid orange-apricot coloring; fairly early blooming. \$1.00.

Calypso: Large lemon-yellow; the finest of its shade. A Burbank origination. \$1.00.

Cinnabar: Effective when established. Cadmium yellow with fulvous tones. 75c.

Crown of Gold: Large deep orange flowers, broadly open. New. \$2.00.

Dover: A splendid deep orange, medium height, good-sized flowers. 50c.

Flava: The "Lemon Lily" of other days. Still a good doer, even if the blossoms are not equal to size of newer kinds. Blooms nearly a month in advance of other kinds. 25c.

George Yeld: A highly praised English variety. Large orange flowers. \$2.00.

Hyperion: Large finely finished canary yellow. Received A.M. from the RHS. \$2.00.

J. A. Crawford: So outstanding in color, form and performance that we rate it indispensable. Very large rich apricot yellow, fine height and most vigorous. \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.50.

Mikado: Among Dr. Stout's originations this is the best doer here. Flowers large orange, with a fulvous ring midway of the petals. Medium height. Our stock is sufficient to offer this at a low price. \$1.00 each.

Margaret Perry: Originated by Amos Perry, England, and conspicuous for its attractive two-color petals and profuse blooming habit. \$1.00 each.

The Gem: Fine yellow; a real gem. 75c.

The entire collection of 13 varieties subject to 15% discount.

OUR PLANT SHIPMENTS

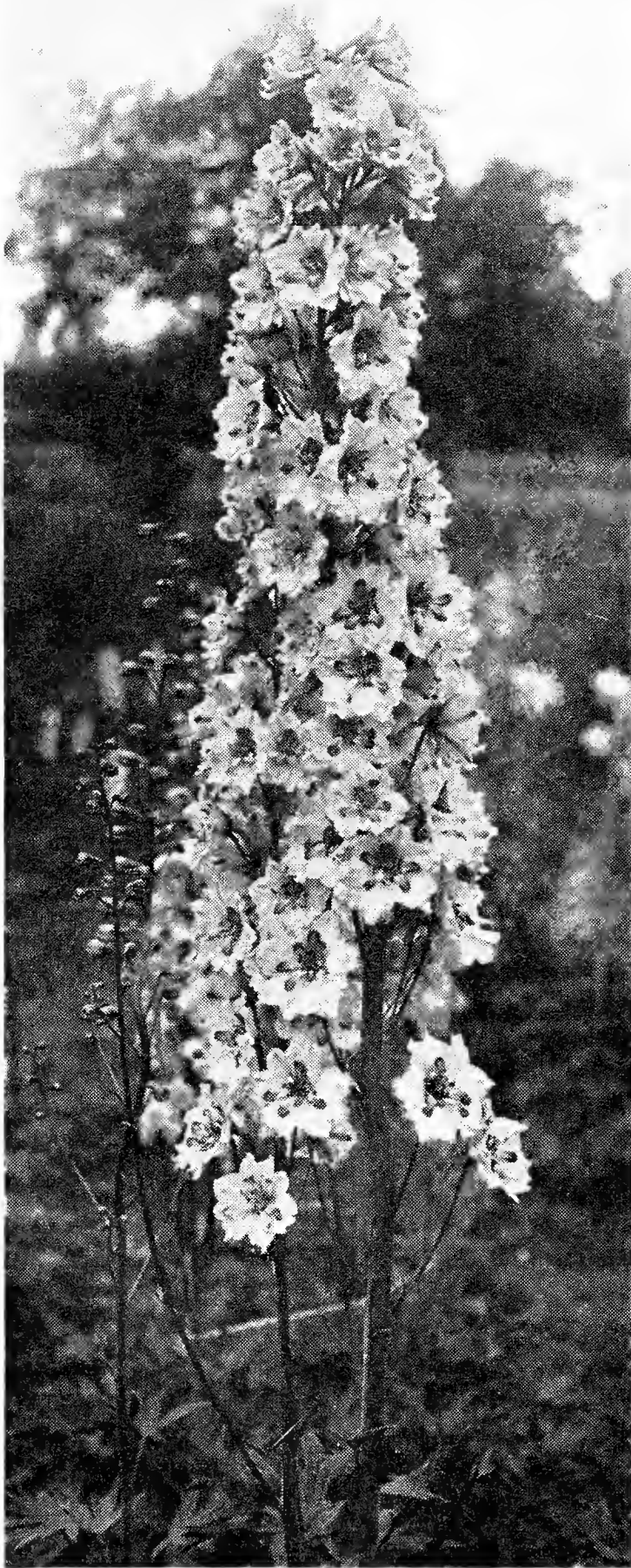
Hudson, N. Y.: "My order of Delphinium plants arrived in **fine condition**, as fresh as if they had just been dug. One can hardly imagine that they could be shipped three thousand miles and be in such a healthy state."

WHEN DELPHINIUMS BLOOM

If you have seen a garden of Delphiniums in full flower, ranging from the hue of a starless twilight to that of cloudless summer noon, you will know that gardeners could not think wholly of profit and grow Delphiniums.

It is simple enough to lose one's heart to any flower. The loveliness of it grows in the loam of one's heart and blooms there until the season of that flower is anticipated and a hunger comes for the witnessing of it. And the flower stalk rises from amid the foliage, and buds appear, and eagerness hovers the miracle. It will be soon, now. It is in this wise that gardeners watch the Delphinium, and more observantly than any other of the garden's guests.

There are tints past dreaming, as must ever be the case when the creative artistry vies with the fancy of mortals. To walk among them is to feel that providence is not unmindful of beauty, that it takes thought of the nurture of the spirit, and that the Delphiniums hold speech with you. Ben Hur Lampman, the Oregon poet.



A surprising development of petals centre, in the Opalspire class.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS ABROAD

The reports coming from our growers in various parts of the world show especially the adaptability of Hoodacres Delphiniums to many varying conditions. This is due to the inherent vigor of our strain, a quality which is being constantly built up by our method of breeding.

HOODACRES MEETS THE TESTS

"Buffalo, N. Y.: "Last year we obtained a quantity of seeds from the leading Delphinium specialists in England. They can in no way compare with the plants obtained from seed purchased from you. Again your seeds have proven to be superior to all others that I have been able to obtain over a long period of years."

DELPHINIUM LANTERN SLIDES

Beautifully Colored

For loan to Garden Clubs when DELPHINIUMS are to be featured.

The set numbers 60 artistic and exceptionally well executed subjects, mostly Delphiniums, with carefully prepared notes and a Delphinium talk. They are available to any accredited Garden Club, without charge, except payment of transportation one way.

In order to make sure of suitable dates application should be made as far in advance as possible.

The usefulness and appreciation of this set of Delphinium reproductions is attested by the fact that they are so often called on for repeat engagements.

ENJOYING THE HOODACRES COLORED SLIDES

Cleveland Heights, Ohio: "We have just had the privilege of your exquisite Delphinium slides and they were thoroughly enjoyed by each and everyone in the Lake Shore Garden Club."

Lake Forest, Ill.: "Thank you for the use of the lovely Delphinium slides. We enjoyed them so much and all the Garden Club members were enthusiastic about them—the notes and cultural directions contained in the talk."

Kansas City, Mo.: "Permit me to express, not the measure, but the fact of the extreme pleasure given to the group of 200 women, members of the Kansas City Gardens Association, who were privileged to view the glory displayed in your group of Hoodacres Delphinium slides."

Rangely, Maine: "We had a delightful program at our Garden Club meeting on June 14th which was made possible by your beautiful Delphinium slides."



OCEAN CROSSED. One of the new crested type in what the Japanese call "russet" color, nearly rose red.

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